

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

First named Applicant: Venkata R. Jagana	Group Art Unit: 2143
Application No.: 09/686,049 (CONF 4959)	
Filed: 10/11/2000	
Title: System for host-to-host connectivity using FICON protocol over a storage area network	Examiner: LaShonda T. Jacobs
Attorney Docket No.: BEA9-2000-0005-US1	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 18, 2006, please consider the following remarks.